

CITIZENS INFORMATION MEETING

BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD – ROUTE 679

ROANOKE COUNTY

**Highway Improvement Project
Buck Mountain Road – Route 679
Roanoke County
State Project: 0679-080-314, PE101, RW201, C501,
B691, B694
Federal Project: STP-
From: 0.04 Mi. East Sandlewood Road (Route 678)
To: Stable Lane (Route 766)**

Introduction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the Citizens Information Meeting for Buck Mountain Road (Route 679). This meeting is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to review information for this project and comment on the proposed improvements. Displays at this meeting use existing survey information to show topographical features of the area. Proposed roadway improvements are indicated on the displays.

Representatives from VDOT are on hand to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For further information contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Salem District Civil Rights Office, located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, Virginia 24153, or telephone (540) 387-5320, (800) 611-5812 or TDD 711.

Purpose

This meeting is intended to present information about the proposed roadway improvements and solicit comments from you regarding how you are affected. A comment sheet is included, and your input is encouraged.



Project Description

The project is from 0.04 mile east of Sandlewood Road (Route 678) to Stable Road (Route 766). Buck Mountain Road serves residential, commercial, educational, and industrial properties in the Clearbrook area of Roanoke County. The western portion of the project serves mainly residential property. As the project approaches the intersection with Route 220, the properties become more commercial.

Buck Mountain Road is classified as a Rural Major Collector. The posted speed limit is 45 mph, and the average traffic volume in 2003 was 5,000 vehicles per day. The traffic volume is expected to increase to 8,700 vehicles per day by the year 2030. There is a sub-standard horizontal curve in the approach to the intersection with Route 220 that will be improved as part of the project.

This project entails re-aligning Buck Mountain Road with Route 220 to reduce the angle of the existing intersection and improve the approach to Route 220. As part of the project, the Stable Lane intersection with Route 220 will be relocated to form a four-way intersection at Buck Mountain Road. New right and left turn lanes also will be constructed along Route 220 and Buck Mountain Road. The crossover located immediately south of the intersection will be closed and the remaining portion of Stable Lane will no longer be used. In addition, the future extension of Buck Mountain Road is being shown.

Concerning bike lanes:

The Roanoke Valley Area MPO's 1997 Bikeway Plan recommends providing wide lanes or paved shoulders along Buck Mountain Road from Route 904 (Starkey Road) to the intersection with Route 220.

- Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 1997 Bikeway Plan, page 15.

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**Thursday March 17, 2005, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Clearbrook Elementary School
5205 Franklin Road (Route 220),
Roanoke County**

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Anticipated Project Schedule

The following schedule is being proposed:

Design Public Hearing	Spring 2007
Begin Right of Way Acquisition	Summer 2008
Advertise for Construction	Summer 2010

Estimated Project Cost

The preliminary estimated cost for the project includes the following:

Preliminary Engineering	\$ 485,000
Right of Way	\$ 2,000,000
Construction	\$ 3,375,000
Total	\$ 5,860,000

Because the project is in the preliminary design stage, the estimated costs are subject to change. The above estimate does not reflect the future extension of Buck Mountain Road.

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Additional Information

Any comments made as a result of this meeting will be considered as we further develop the location and design of this project. The comment sheet provided with this brochure will assist you in making your comments. Project information will be available for review at the Virginia Department of Transportation's Salem District Office. You may make an oral comment to the court reporter, or you may deposit your comment sheet in the comment box, or you may mail it by March 27, 2005 to the following address:

Virginia Department of Transportation
Mr. Jeff Echols, P.E.
Salem Residency Office
P.O. Box 3071
Salem, Virginia 24153
Telephone: (540) 387-5488

Questions concerning VDOT's policy on obtaining right of way should be directed to:

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Salem District Right of Way Manager
Virginia Department of Transportation
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Location Map

